

Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee,

Please **OPPOSE** both **S.B. No.16** and **H.B. No. 5416**. These proposals will only affect law-abiding citizens who go through legal avenues to obtain firearms. Criminals, by definition, do not obey the law, and overwhelmingly obtain their firearms through illegal means. They **WILL NOT** be deterred by these new gun control measures, as they have not been by laws already in place.

Limiting the places in which lawful gun owners can defend themselves is a disaster in the making, as we have seen in the past, throughout our country. Gun-free zones will only be gun-free to those of us who wish to remain on the right side of the law. Why put more innocent lives at risk?

In addition, placing restrictions on bulk purchases to limit pistol and revolver sales will not only hurt lawful gun owners, but will also negatively impact gun dealers/shops. Recently, our state has seen exponential growth in new permit owners and gun sales. It would be unwise to continue this attack on our 2nd Amendment rights.

I **SUPPORT** Raised **S.B. No. 388** – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I **SUPPORT** Raised **H.B. No. 5415** – AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

I **SUPPORT** Raised **H.B. No. 5412** – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Respectfully,

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